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Mustangs Charge into Cross Plains, Tennessee

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will sponsor a Wild Horse Adoption July 14-15, 2001 at the Cross Plains, Tennessee adoption center. The adoption will be held from 8am to 5pm and will offer approximately 100 animals. The facility will also be open Friday July 13, 2001 from 1pm to 5pm, for viewing of the animals. For only \$125, you can take home your own piece of the "Old West" that same day! Nationally known horse trainer Sam Powell will be on hand to demonstrate gentling techniques. These animals are known for their hardiness, soundness and intelligence and have excelled in a variety of disciplines, from endurance and trail riding to reining and western pleasure.

BLM's Eastern States Director Gayle Gordon said, "The Cross Plains adoption facility is very special to us at BLM. The people of Tennessee have always found room in their hearts and their homes for these beautiful animals."

Before being offered for adoption, each horse is vaccinated, blood tested and dewormed. When the adopters arrive at the facility they must complete an application and pay the adoption fee. In order to qualify, each adopter must be at least 18 years old and have an enclosed corral with a minimum area of 400 feet (20' by 20' or larger) and a box stall of at least 144 square feet (12' by 12' or larger). Adopters must provide a stock trailer for transportation of their animal from the adoption facility. Divided two-horse and drop ramp trailers are not permitted. One can adopt up to four animals, and after one year, may receive title for their animal.

For more than 30 years, the U.S. Department of the Interior, BLM, has helped find caring homes for over 175,000 wild horses and burros that roamed the western rangelands. Without the public's help, many of these animals would have died from lack of food and water. More information about adopting a wild horse or burro can be found on the National Wild Horse and Burro website at:

www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov or by calling 1 (800) 376-6009.

The Cross Plains Adoption/Holding Facility is located in Robertson County, about 35 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee. From Interstate 65, take Exit 112, and go west on Scenic Highway 25 for about four miles. You will pass through the small town of Cross Plains. Continue one more mile and turn right at Coutts-Carr Road. Follow the signs, taking the right-hand fork to the Adoption Center. The holding pens are on the left and the office is directly ahead.

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